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Applicants: MEIER et al

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For: Method For Increasing The Wear Resistance Of A
Work Piece

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Sir:

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3/3/03* In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject
matter therein.

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

2. (Amended) Method according to claim 5, characterized in that the
work-piece material is steel or non-ferrous metal.
3. (Twice Amended) Method according to claim 5, characterised in that